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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN

Introduced By: Representatives Coughlin, Maldonado, and Edwards

Date Introduced: February 16, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Attorney General)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-9-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-9 entitled "Children" is
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-9-9. Powers of family court.**

4 Where in §§ 11-9-1 -- 11-9-8 any authority is vested in any court, the authority vested in
5 the court or courts mentioned is transferred to the family court. The family court shall have
6 exclusive original jurisdiction over any and all complaints and offenses set forth in §§ 11-9-1 --
7 11-9-8, 11-9-12, 11-9-14, and 11-9-15, and shall have the authority to impose sentence as set
8 forth in chapter 1 of title 14. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, jurisdiction for
9 violations of §§ 11-9-1, 11-9-1.1, 11-9-1.2, 11-9-1.3, [11-9-1.5](#), 11-9-5.3 shall be vested in the
10 superior court.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would clarify that the jurisdiction for violations of §11-9-1.5 ("electronically
2 disseminating indecent material to minors prohibited") is vested in the superior court.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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